

WEEK TWO: Buying Into Your Roles. Eph 5, 1 Cor 11

1. Background for understanding of the roles: 1 Corinthians 11:3

The Responsibility of Submission and Authority of the Sexes

This is a problematic passage for many because they do NOT desire to submit to the role and responsibilities that God has called them to.

- Women have a place under the _____ of the man that God has in her life.
- Men have the _____ of protection and watch care that God has called them to for the women that God has in his life.
- In vs 3-15 – we see the roles and responsibilities of the sexes: particularly the need for men to discharge the responsibility and headship of Christ in their homes and the women to live under the authority of the man that God has in her life and in their worship assemblies.
- **KEY: God is a God of _____! John 5:19**
- Christian men (husbands, fathers, pastors and deacons) are to be submitted to _____
- Christian women are to be submitted to their _____.
Christ sets the example!

KEY: This is a function of submission to _____ structure.

Is Jesus less than God? Inferior? No! **John 10:30** compare **John 14:28**

Likewise, the woman is subject to the man even though **in Christ she is equal to the man.**
Galatians 3:28 compare **Ephesians 5:22-24**

1 Cor 11:3 deals with the issue of authority, not value.

- Biblically, your fulfillment WILL COME in submission to God's _____.
If this is how you God made you – why complain? Romans 9:19-20

Your willingness to embrace your God given role is a very powerful force that God will use in your husband's life. Example: **1 Peter 3:1-6**

Too often, men make it very hard for their wives to submit to them.

Men, are you _____ to your wife?

Men, is it too _____ to submit to you? *The pattern:* **Romans 2:4**

The only way you're going to get anywhere in leading your wife is by being _____ to her!

- **KEY:** If you don't buy into your God given role, you're pushing your mate toward _____
- *Ladies: The submission pressure relief valve = Colossians 3:18*

What if your husband is commanding you contrary to God's Word?
Then the biblical principle makes your path very clear. **Acts 5:29**

2. Submission is required in marriage. Ephesians 5:21

- Submission is a two-way street!

MEN your ability to submit to others (that includes your wife!) is the last point in the list of the things that are the result of being filled with the Spirit! **Ephesians 5:17-21**

- Bible study rule: **Context**. Where is the period on the sentence?

Notice the results of being filled with the Spirit.

- Worship together. "*yourselves*" is plural.
- Thanksgiving to God.
- Submission to one another.

Why? Because in ANY relationship there will be disagreements.

Working out real issues requires mutual concessions / compromises.

To do that, you'll have to have Christ's view of others. **Philippians 2:2-8**

- **Valuable key: Because you're the man, that doesn't mean you are always right!**

You want to get into the habit of _____ to your wife.

You wanted her and now she's yours! So invest and reap God's rewards. **Galatians 6:7-10**

Sow to the Spirit! How?

- Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly! Col 3.16
- Have Christ's mind for His bride for YOUR BRIDE. Invest your life into her's.
- Be willing to submit to her as needed!

- God has her in your life to HELP YOU!

KEY: Genesis 2. Man **WAS NOT** _____ in himself. **Genesis 1:28; 2:20-22**

Trust God to get to KNOW her, her heart. She is **your** HELP MEET.

Many times, she'll save you from loss.